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1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO CONVEY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE FOLLOWING TEXT TO MR. PLAMEN DESPOTOV AT THE SCSTP. QUOTE: DEAR MR. DESPOTOV: UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION III, PARA 3, OF ANNEX II OF THE AGREEMENT ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION AND THE STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNICAL PROGRESS, I AM PLEASED TO NOMINATE FOR A SCIENTIFIC VISIT TO BULGARIA, MR. ROLAND L. SHARPE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, APPLIED TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL, PALO ALTO, CA 94306.

MR. SHARPE IS INTERESTED IN DEVELOPING A COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM WITH DR. GEORGI BRANKOV, VICE-PRESIDENT, BULGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ON "DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMON UNCLASSIFIED

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BASIS FOR SEISMIC DESIGN PROVISIONS FOR BUILDINGS IN BULGARIA AND THE UNITED STATES."

IN ADDITION, MR. SHARPE WILL ATTEND THE SIXTH REGIONAL SEMINAR ON EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING, TO BE HELD IN PRIMORSKO, BULGARIA, SEPTEMBER 2-15, 1978.

AS YOU KNOW, UNDER THE TERMS OF SECTION V, ANNEX II, OF THE NSF/SCSTP AGREEMENT, THE SENDING SIDE WILL PAY THE COSTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL AND THE RECEIVING SIDE WILL COVER ALL INTERNAL EXPENSES AT THE RATES CURRENTLY SPECIFIED IN ANNEX III.

BECAUSE OF THE SHORT TIME PERIOD INVOLVED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION OF YOUR APPROVAL OF MR. SHARPE'S VISIT BY TELEX OR CABLE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.

PLEASE EXPECT TO RECEIVE SHORTLY BY AIR-MAIL A COPY OF MR. SHARPE'S PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL AND PERTINENT BIODATA. WITH BEST REGARDS, SINCERELY YOURS, DEBORAH L. WINCE END QUOTE.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO ENCOURAGE SCSTP TO RESPOND BY CABLE OR TELEX OF NSF BY EARLY AUGUST TO ENABLE NSF TO COORDINATE NECESSARY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR MR. SHARPE. CHRISTOPHER

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